

Testimony Before the Committee on Energy & Technology

Concerning

S.B. No. 9 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE

Submitted by the Reverend Thomas Carr
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Dear Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

I am submitting this testimony concerning Proposed S.B. No. 9, An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future.

I support the provision in this bill that would require Connecticut to update and extend its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), but I strongly oppose the provision that would eliminate net metering for residential solar customers.

As a person of faith, I believe that we are called by God to be good stewards of all life and have a responsibility to do all that we can to conserve, preserve and restore Earth and all her inhabitants, including human beings. At the same time, we are called to provide good, sustainable and life-giving jobs to people. The Renewable Portfolio Standard is one important way for us in Connecticut to do so. Therefore, I urge the committee to support an expansion of the RPS to at least 40% by 2030.

At the same time, I strongly oppose the proposed elimination of net metering for residential solar customers, and I urge the committee to reject this aspect of SB 9. This part of the bill makes no sense to meet the goals of cleaner air, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and good jobs.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony concerning SB 9, which would strengthen Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard and thereby help to meet our state's climate goals while fostering local job creation and improvements in public health.

Respectfully submitted,

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